



STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION
FROM HRS CHAPTER 103D

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ADMINISTRATION
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Hawaii State Department of Health
Name of Requesting Department

Pursuant to HRS § 103D-102(b)(4) and HAR chapter 3-120, the Department requests a procurement exemption for the following:

1. Describe the goods, services or construction:

We will purchase a three-year license to the Quality Compass. Quality Compass is an on-line data base which contains Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) data for medical care services provided by Hawaii's insurance companies. HEDIS performance measures are objective standardized measures of care which relate to important healthcare issues including advising smokers to quit, management of high blood pressure, cancer screenings, and comprehensive diabetes care--to name a few. The license will cover data from commercial, Medicaid and Medicare insurers with data from 2011, 2012 and 2013. We will be purchasing the Premier Edition database access which includes trended data, state benchmarks and the data exporter functionality. Since the purchase is for a subscription license to a web-based database, the program requests an exemption that extends from June 2014 to June 2017. The request is made per Chapter 103D, HRS, pursuant to section 3-120-4(b)(1), HAR. *5 att*

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider: National Committee for Quality Assurance

3. Amount of Request:

\$ \$23,000

4. Term of Contract From: Jun-14

To: Jun-17

5. Prior SPO-007, Procurement Exemption (PE): none

6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) is a private, 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving healthcare quality. NCQA accredits healthplans in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. These plans cover 70.5% of all Americans in enrolled in healthcare insurance plans. All healthcare insurance plans in Hawaii are NCQA accredited. HEDIS quality measures are collected on the enrollees of all NCQA healthplans. This is a unique data set that will provide data on the health status and healthcare received by the people of Hawaii, and it is not available through any other provider. The Department does not have its own electronic data collection system to receive data from insurance companies. Also, the HEDIS data is nationally standardized, and has state benchmarks; this is not possible to do by data that the department might purchase piecemeal from individual insurance companies.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:

The program conducted a web search, literature review, conducted phone inquiries with NCQA, and confirmed with the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) that the HEDIS data cannot be procured through any other organization. NCQA is the sole entity that collects, analyzes and makes available the HEDIS data set. HEDIS is a set of standardized measures that specifies how organizations collect, audit and report performance information across the most pressing clinical areas of preventative healthcare and chronic disease management.

8. Identify the primary responsible staff person(s) conducting and managing this procurement. (Appropriate delegated procurement authority and completion of mandatory training required).

*Point of contact (Place asterisk after name of person to contact for additional information).

Name	Division/Agency	Phone Number	e-mail address
Lola H. Irvin	Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division/ DOH	586-4488	lola.irvin@doh.hawaii.gov
Tonya Lowery St. John	Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division/ DOH	586-5447	tonya.lowerystjohn@doh.hawaii.gov

*All requirements/approvals and internal controls for this expenditure is the responsibility of the department.
I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.*

Wade Brown

Department Head Signature

5-30-2014

Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: *6-6-14*

Inquiries about this request shall be directed to the contact named in No. 8. Submit written objection to this notice to issue an exempt contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from date notice posted to:

state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Approval is granted for the period 6/30/14 to 6/29/15 for a one-year license for three years of data and is for the solicitation process only. Pursuant to HRS section 103D-310(c) and HAR section 3-122-112, the procuring officer shall verify compliance (i.e. vendor is required to be compliant on the Hawaii Compliance Express) for all contracts awarded, and award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System. Copies of the HCE certificate and awards posting are required to be documented in the procurement/contract file.

If there are any questions, please contact Donn Tsuruda-Kashiwabara at 586-0565 or donna.tsuruda-Kashiwabara@hawaii.gov.

☒ Approved

☐ Disapproved

☐ No Action Required

[Signature]
Chief Procurement Officer Signature

6/30/14
Date